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## **BUILDING SOCIETY OPENS FIRST GOLD COAST BRANCH**

Queensland's second largest building society, Wide Bay Australia Ltd, has expanded its operations with the opening of its first Gold Coast branch.

Wide Bay Australia, with \$1.6 billion in assets and loans under management and 36 existing branches and agencies in four states, has opened a branch at Robina Town Centre.

The branch, offering full retail branch banking facilities and a full time Loans Consultant, will replace the society's existing agency arrangement.

Ron Hancock, Wide Bay Australia's Managing Director said he is looking forward to expanding Wide Bay Australia's presence on the Gold Coast.

We already have a number of local borrowers and investors who have been introduced to Wide Bay Australia as an attractive banking and home loan alternative.

Our new branch will deliver our existing and new customers with superior customer service and easier access to our range of competitive products. An ATM has also been installed.

We are currently helping over 10,000 loan customers to obtain a home of their own with our flexible home loans and we intend to help a lot more local people with affordable finance.

Apart from home and business finance, we provide term deposits; savings, investment and everyday bank accounts; and general banking services. We also arrange insurance, credit cards, foreign exchange and wealth creation and financial planning in association with some of Australia leading providers of those services.

Our new Robina Town Centre branch banking hours are 8.45am to 4.45 pm Monday to Friday which is generally earlier and longer than most banks in the Centre.

Mr Hancock invited local people in to meet the society's staff and find out how Wide Bay Australia might assist them with their banking and finance needs.

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